

# **Colonel Wayne W. Grigsby Jr.**

## **3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division**

### **Multi-National Division-Center**

COL Wayne W. Grigsby Jr. began his career at Fort Clayton, Panama. Following graduation from Salisbury State University, he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Support Platoon Leader, and Battalion Assistant S3 in 1-187 Infantry Rakassans and 5-87 Infantry in Panama.

Following attendance at the Infantry Officers Advanced Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, in September of 1988, COL Grigsby served as the Battalion Adjutant in 3-7 Infantry Cottonbalers. COL Grigsby then went on to command B Company, 3-7 Infantry, during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Following Desert Storm, he commanded Headquarters, Headquarters Company 2-7 Infantry Cottonbalers. Following command, COL Grigsby spent two years as an Infantry Branch Assignment Officer.



In June of 1996, he served as the Chief of Plans for the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC. In October of 1997, he moved to 1-504th Parachute Infantry Regiment where he served as the Battalion Operations Officer, then served as the 504th Parachute Infantry Regimental Operations Officer. In May of 1998, COL Grigsby served as the Aide de Camp to the Commander, XVIII Airborne Corps and then Director of Plans for the XVIII Airborne Corps.

In June of 2001 COL Grigsby assumed command of 1-26 Infantry Regiment, Blue Spaders, where he deployed the Battalion in support of KFOR 4A and part of ARFOR Turkey in support of OIF I. His assignment prior to assuming command of 3rd HBCT/3ID was the G3 of the First Infantry Division for 24 months in support of OIF 2.

COL Grigsby's military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Infantry Officer Advanced Course, the Jumpmaster Course, the Command and General Staff College, the Advanced Military Studies Program at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and the National War College at Fort McNair, Washington DC. He has earned a Masters Degree in Military Arts and Science from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and a Masters Degree in National Security Strategy from Fort McNair, Washington DC.

His awards and decorations include: the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star (with oak leaf cluster), and the Douglas McArthur Leadership Award. COL Grigsby also wears the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Senior Parachutists Badge, and the Ranger Tab.